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July 8, 1994

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 978 905

Mr. Lon Thomas Thomas American Stone 4040 South 300 West Murray, Utah 84107

Re: Unpermitted Stone Quarry Operations, S/003/024, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Division recently performed an inspection of a stone quarrying operation located in Box Elder County which is being permitted with the Division. A nearby unpermitted stone quarry was also inspected while in the area (see copy of enclosed June 29, 1994 inspection memo). This unpermitted operation is located in the NW/4 NE/4 and the NE/4 NE/4 of section 28, T14N, R17W, SLBM. A preliminary review of the land status for this site indicates a portion of this quarry involves federal mineral ownership, and the other portions of the quarry involve patented lands.

The Division had also visited this quarry site on May 11, 1994 with BLM staff. No one else was at the site at that time. At the time of that inspection the only equipment on site was a flat bed truck with a tank on it. The site appeared to have been active in the recent past, but was not active at that time. Photographs were taken to document the status of the site and the equipment present.

The site appeared to be active during the June 29, 1994 inspection. The quarry area showed signs of recent excavation and the dump/pad area showed signs of recent dumping. A track hoe, dozer and front end loader were present at the site, in addition to the flat bed tanker truck previously described. Also present at the site were several pallets of stone. Tags on these pallets were printed with the heading of American Stone. A first name was written on the tags, probably identifying the worker who split and loaded that pallet of stone. Photographs were taken to document the status of the site.

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The disturbance at the quarry area is visually estimated to be less than five acres, without including the access road. The access road from Tom Sherry Creek is shown on the 1990 Cotton Thomas Basin quad map as a four-wheel-drive trail.

This letter is meant as an inquiry regarding this unpermitted stone operation. If you are operating this quarry, please be advised that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining may consider you to have willfully and knowingly violated the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and take the appropriate enforcement actions. If you are operating this quarry you are directed to immediately cease operations at this site and file a notice of intention to conduct mining operations with the Division. You may resume operations at this site after you receive Division acceptance and/or approval of the notice. If you are the responsible operator and continue to operate this site without the appropriate mining permit from the Division, a Notice of Noncompliance will be issued.

If you are associated with this operation, but are not the operator, we suggest you inform the operator that a notice of intention to conduct mining operations is required by law to be filed with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. We suggest you have the operator contact the Division as soon as possible to preclude the issuance of a Notice of Noncompliance. If possible, please respond to this inquiry no later than July 27, 1994.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me or Wayne Hedberg at the Division. For future reference, Mr. Lynn Kunzler will be the Division's lead contact for operations in Box Elder County.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos Reclamation Engineer

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Enclosures: SMO-NOI form, 7/4/94 inspection memo

cc: Lowell Braxton, DOGM

Wayne Hedberg, Lynn Kunzler, DOGM (route)

Dan Washington, BLM Bear River RA

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